

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**In re:**

**City of Detroit, Michigan**

**Debtor**

**Bankruptcy Case No: 13-53846  
Honorable Thomas J. Tucker  
Chapter 9**

**VERIFIED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO  
FILE DELAYED PROOF OF CLAIM**

Jerome Collins, by counsel, moves this Honorable Court pursuant to *Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure Rule 3003(C) (3)* for leave to file a delayed or amended Proof of Claim.

In support of his Motion, Collins states as follows:

1. Movant requests leave to file a delayed or amended POC #1877 which was timely filed by the Detroit Police Officers Association (hereinafter DPOA), his collective bargaining agent.<sup>1</sup>
2. That Collins' claims arises under, or are defined by, *Section 101(5)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code*, because he is asserting a right to payment for his contingent or unliquidated claim for monetary as well as equitable relief against DPD and certain individuals employed by DPD, who have violated rights arising under his *Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, federal statutes, the State of Michigan Constitution, and Michigan's statutes and common law*.
3. The individuals with exposure to Collins' claims in their individual capacity, at all times material hereto were employed by the DPD and were acting under color of law when they

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<sup>1</sup> Logically, it seems to Movant that the POC would subsume any and all claims Collins might have in order to preserve his right to pursue any remedies he might have if, and when, the opportunity presented itself in the future.

violated Collins rights of equal protection and due process with respect to his liberty and property interests in his continued employment with DPD.

4. That Collins' claims arose within the '*fair contemplation*' of the City on July 11, 2013 when it filed its Chapter 9 Petition.
5. The City's view that the POC #1877 operated narrowly to preserve "... *his rights under the disciplinary process*" is inconsistent with well settled law to the effect that a POC may be read expansively, (or by inference amended), in order to preserve all claims the claimant might possess.
6. Movant asserts that a delayed POC is necessary in order to preserve his rights under the *U.S. Constitution, State of Michigan Constitution and other sources*. Said claims include a procedural due process liberty interest claim arising from the defamatory impression DPD created of him during the course of his termination. DPDP stigmatizing public statements violated Collins' liberty interest under a stigma plus analysis. *See Codd v Velger, 429 U.S. 624, 628 (1977)*.
7. As Movant understands the governing law, a POC is not required to expressly enumerate on its face all aspects of any legal or constitutional (whether State of Michigan or United States) theories underlying a claim, provided other circumstances would apprise the City of additional elements of his claim. *See, Plymouth Mills, Inc., v FDIC, 876 F. Supp 439 (ED NY 1995)*
8. At the time, DPOA filed Movant's POC #1877, the DPD had been pursuing efforts since 2008 either to prosecute Collins criminally, or to terminate him.
9. Since the DPD had flagrantly and repeatedly violated Collins' right to due process of law by knowingly bringing false charges against him, falsifying or withholding exculpatory

evidence, *See Exhibit 1*, providing perjured testimony, concealing witness, conspiring with his former spouse, conducting investigations that violated *Art 1, §17 of the State of Michigan's Constitution* (which guaranteed Collins fair and just treatment) during the course of DPD's investigation, it knew full well on December 8, 2011, at the conclusion of a jury trial in Wayne County Circuit Court before Judge Patricia Fresard, in which Collins was acquitted of all charges brought by DPD, the range of its wrongful conduct towards Collins that created exposure for the individuals involved, as well as DPD.

10. DPD still pursued termination proceedings against him which exacerbated prior liberty interest violations under stigma plus circumstances.
11. Collins was charged with conduct unbecoming an officer for working a second job as a security officer. *See, Exhibit 2*
12. Since Collins had already been found not guilty by a jury for the same conduct, it was fully apprised of additional elements of Collins' claims. *See, Exhibit 3*
13. The departmental disciplinary process clawed back to 2007, after an anonymous letter (now known to have been authored by Collins' ex-wife) was mailed to Collins' superiors in 2008 accusing him of improprieties with respect to his time and attendance at his job with DPD. Internal affairs never informed Collins that he was under investigation for allegations of payroll fraud that his wife had made against him in her letter to his superiors.<sup>2</sup>
14. That DPD's wrongful conduct over time, while acting under color of law, created exposure to claims against individuals that greatly exceeded the narrowly drafted POC #1877.

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<sup>2</sup> Commander DuLunt, the last custodian of the 2008 letter has informed Collins that said letter cannot be located.

15. That, in light of the numerous theories of recovery flowing from violations of federal and state law, or claims Collins had when POC #1877 was filed, arguably, said POC was defective because it omitted to even name said possible claims, or theories of which DPD was or should have been fully aware because its wrongful conduct and that of individuals over the span of several years created the exposure.
16. That under the holding in *Monell v N.Y. City Dept of Social Services*, 436 US 658, 690-91, 692 (1978), Detroit may be found liable for the deprivation of Collins' federal rights caused by its own custom, policy or practice. Equitable relief is available.
17. That amendments to a claim is permitted on a liberal basis. *See, In re: Orion Refining Corp.*, 317 B.R. 660 (Bankr. D. Del. 2004), and should be freely permitted, absent equitable considerations or prejudice to the opposing party. *See, In Re Edison Bros Stores, Inc.*, No 99-532, 2002 WL 999 260 at \*3 (Bankr.D.Del May 15, 2002). Copy attached as Exhibit 4
18. On our facts, which demonstrate a sustained bad faith effort to 'get' Collins, and a prolonged abuse of the authority granted the City of Detroit/DPD, under *Michigan's Home Rule Statute*, it would be impossible for the City/DPD to demonstrate any countervailing equitable considerations or prejudice.
19. That at no time pertinent hereto did DPD, or any of its officers or agents with exposure in their individual capacities involved in investigating or prosecuting Collins for alleged payroll fraud, have probable cause to believe Collins had committed or was committing any of the three felonies with which he was falsely charged, and tried. Yet, DPD suspended Collins without pay on January 21, 2010, caused Collins at great expense for legal fees to defend against the false charges through a jury trial at which he was

acquitted of all charges on December 8, 2011. He requested reinstatement on December 12, 2012, and December 26, 2012.<sup>3</sup> *See, Exhibits 5, 6, and 7, and again on November 26, 2013.*

20. DPD, and its agents or officers, acted with actual malice towards Collins and with willful and wanton indifference to and deliberate disregard for Collins statutory and constitutional rights. Said conduct reflected a '*custom policy or practice*' to deprive Collins of federal rights under the holding in *Monell, supra*.
21. That Movant seeks to amend his POC to cure defects in #1877, to describe his claims with greater particularity, and to plead new theories of recovery supported by the facts of the original claim. Collins also seeks to proceed on his own because his union has notified him that it will no longer prosecute his grievance as to his termination. *See, Exhibit 8, letter from Linda Broaden, Union Steward over Collins' case, dated September 29, 2016.*
22. To be clear, the factual predicate underlying POC #1877, also subsumes claims arising under Michigan Common and Statutory Law, the *Michigan Constitution, i.e., Art I, §17*, (which guaranteed Collins the right to be treated fairly and justly during any investigation DPD conducted of him), *42 USC § 1983, the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment*, as well as the *Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, MCL 37,2201*.
23. The decision whether to allow Collins to file a delayed or amended POC lies within the sound discretion of the Court and is subject to a two-part test:
  - Whether an amendment relates back to the originally filed POC; and
  - Whether it is equitable to allow the amendment. *See, In Re Enron Creditors Recovery Corp., 370 B.R. 90-94-95 (Bankr S.D. NY 2007)*

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<sup>3</sup> Collins was given a 'Garrity' on December 20, 2011.



24. That in weighing the equities, the salient consideration is whether the opposing party will be unduly prejudiced by the amendment. *See In Re Integrated Res., Inc.*, 157 B.R. 66, 70 (S.D.N.Y. 1993) On our facts, no undue prejudice can be demonstrated.
25. That the City's filing of its Chapter 9 Petition on July 18, 2013, should have stayed all disciplinary proceedings against Collins arising from his employment as a police officer, including arbitration proceedings that concluded with his termination. The stay, however, was ignored, and between July 8, 2013 and July 11, 2013, the City conducted Final Board Proceedings to terminate Collins. *See, Exhibit 9* He was terminated, again, as a result of this hearing.
26. The reader should bear in mind that his Request for Reinstatement made on December 12, 2012, and repeated on December 26, 2012, was never resolved. However, a grievance arbitration was held on June 12, 2013, but as best Collins is able to determine, the matter remains open. Movant suggests that under the stay, neither the City, its Departments nor its agents were empowered to proceed without leave of the Bankruptcy Court.
27. That on June 12, 2013, a hearing convened on Collins' grievance for back pay and reinstatement based on his acquittal. It was adjourned without a decision on account of the City's filing of the Chapter 9 Petition. It remains open to date.
28. That since the City's intention to file a Chapter 9 Petition was well known to all of its employees or agents, any expedited disciplinary proceedings as to Collins, demonstrated a bad faith desire to proceed with same under the wire.
29. Such unseemly haste must be evaluated in light of well settled policies or procedures that look askance at conducts in the 90 days preceding the filing of the petition.

30. That leave should be granted because Collins' due process right to reinstatement after he was acquitted on December 8, 2011, was somehow brushed aside, ignored, or completely disregarded in the proceedings conducted by Arbitrator Ashford which Movant suggests were *void ab initio* to the effect that any decision rendered by an Arbitrator was a nullity, and of no lawful effect.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, Collins moves this Court to grant him leave to file an amended or delayed POC that will state any and all claims, or theories of recovery sharing a common factual predicate with POC #1877, or which arose in the course of wrongful conduct from DPD and individuals acting under color of law, dating back to 2007 and continuing, the named individuals, and others.

The conduct complained of as to individuals acting under color of law is specifically exempted from the bar raised by the City's Chapter 9 proceedings. Conduct as to the City is subject to equitable relief on orders of this Court.

Collins further moves this Court to advance this matter on its docket because he has been denied justice for 7 or 8 years, and has had to endure ongoing economic deprivation since January 21, 2010, (when he was suspended without pay) denial of access to health care or treatment due to the cancellation of his health insurance benefit, and extreme emotional distress caused by the unrelenting and wholly unjustified attacks against him by the DPD acting through its officers or agents.

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**LIST OF EXHIBITS FOR VERIFIED MOTION**

1. Copy of inter-office memorandum from Internal Affairs, dated February 15, 2012
2. Transcript of Trial Board proceedings held on July 11, 2013
3. Copy of articles dated April 20, 2010 and December 12, 2011
4. *In re Edison Bros, Stores, Inc., 2002 WL 999 260*
5. Letter dated December 12, 2013 from Mr. Goldspaugh, DPOA attorney to DPD requesting Mr. Collin' reinstatement
6. Letter dated December 26, 2012, from Mr. Goldspaugh, DPOA attorney reiterating Collins' request to be reinstated.
7. Letter dated September 29, 2016 from Linda Broaden, Shop Steward DPOA, notifying Collins that DPOA had closed its file on grievance #10-005
8. Transcript of disciplinary board proceedings, dated July 8, 2013

## **EXHIBIT 1**

**INTERNAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM**  
**INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

Date

February 15, 2012

To: Commander Brian R. Stair, Internal Controls (Direct)

Subject: **IA CASE #09 142**  
**POLICE OFFICER JEROME COLLINS, BADGE 1508, PENSION #232998**  
**APPOINTED: SEPTEMBER 20, 1993**  
**ASSIGNMENT: EASTERN DISTRICT**  
**ALLEGATION: TIME FRAUD**

From: Lieutenant Whitney Walton, Internal Affairs

**INTRODUCTION**

On November 30, 2009, a letter was sent to then Chief of Police Warren C. Evans alleging that Police Officer Jerome Collins, badge 1508, assigned to the Eastern District was getting paid for work, even though he was not there.

On December 4, 2009, Commander Brian R. Stair, of Internal Affairs received an electronic copy of the aforementioned letter and directed members of Internal Affairs to respond to the Eastern District and obtain all documentation relative to the scheduled working hours and discretionary time of Officer Collins. (Document 7-1)

On this same date, at approximately 9:00 A.M., Internal Affairs Alert Team Members, Sergeant U. Renee' Hall, badge S-582, and Sergeant Dietrich Lever, badge S-177, responded to the Eastern District and obtain all documentation relative to the scheduled working hours and discretionary time of Officer Collins.

**ASSIGNMENT**

On December 10, 2009, IA Case #09 142 was assigned to Sergeant Todd Svenkesen, badge S-556, of the Internal Affairs for investigation.

On January 23, 2012, IA Case #09 142 was re-assigned to writer, Lieutenant Whitney Walton, badge L-18, assigned to Internal Affairs for closure.

**INVESTIGATION**

The Alert Team spoke with Police Officer Judith Bidinger, badge 1452, of the Eastern District Timekeeping, and subsequently obtained 590 Cards, Attendance Records and Leave Days for Officer Collins for 2007 through 2009.

Sergeant Hall spoke with Sergeant Mattie Lewis, badge S-66, of the Eastern District Community Relations and the direct supervisor of Officer Collins. Sergeant Lewis provided Activity Log Sheets and Daily Details for Community Relations officers for the period of June 2007 through December 2008; however, Sergeant Hall reviewed the aforementioned logs, which revealed that during that

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period, Officer Collins submitted only four (4) Activity Logs. Those dates were October 29, 2007, January 29, 2008, October 31, 2008 and March 6, 2008.

Sergeant Hall spoke with Sergeant Lewis in regards to Officer Collins scheduled work hours and was informed that he worked 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.; this was confirmed by the logs and daily details. Sergeant Hall later inquired as to Officer Collins' location and work hours for December 4, 2009, and was informed that he was scheduled for 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. No explanation was provided for the change of hours.

Sergeant Lever conducted a brief review of Activity Logs for the period of January 2009 through November 2009, which revealed possible discrepancies in handwriting. (Document 8-16)

On December 22, 2009, Sergeant Rodney Cox, badge S-770, assigned to the Chief's Office reviewed the outside employment approvals. Officer Collins did not have approval for 2007, 2008 or 2009 to work outside employment.

Through investigation it was learned that Officer Collins was working armed security for St. John's Hospital, which was confirmed by members of Internal Affairs.

On January 5, 2010, search warrant #10 04132 was signed by Thirty-Sixth District Court Magistrate Renee McDuffee for Officer Collins' employment and time records for St. John's Hospital. It was discovered that Officer Collins had been employed at St. John's Hospital from December 2004 to the date of execution. Ms. Deb Dame, with Worklife Services, explained that St. John's Hospital employees, including Officer Collins had a swipe card that logs them in and out, which is then reflected on the time sheets. (Document 8-18)

On January 12, 2010, at the direction of Internal Affairs, Officer Collins was suspended from the Detroit Police Department by Sergeant J. Oehmke, badge 752, assigned to the Eastern District. (Document 7-14)

After an exhaustive search of the Eastern District archives it was revealed that they did not have Activity Logs or Daily Details for Officer Collins prior to November of 2007. However, after comparing and reviewing Officer Collins' time and attendance records for the Detroit Police Department and St. John's Hospital from November 14, 2007 through November 25, 2009, it was revealed that Officer Collins had five hundred and ninety four hours that overlapped between the two employers. Records further revealed that Officer Collins shift at Riverview Hospital typically started between 7:00 A.M. and 7:30 A.M. and ended between 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. Officer Collins working hours with the Detroit Police Department were generally from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. or 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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Delineated below is a synopsis of the number of days and hours that Officer Collins worked at St. John's Hospital when he was supposed to be working for the Detroit Police Department and the monetary payment that Officer Collins received from the City of Detroit while working at St. John's Hospital:

- Between November 11, 2007 and December of 2007, Officer Collins worked 12.6 hours over three (3) days at St. John's Hospital when he was supposed to be working for the Detroit Police Department. He was monetarily compensated at a rate of \$24.12 an hour for a total of \$303.91.
- Between January of 2008 and June of 2008, Officer Collins worked two hundred and forty two (242) hours over seventy three (73) days at St. John's Hospital when he was supposed to be working for the Detroit Police Department. He was monetarily compensated at a rate of \$24.85 an hour for a total of \$6013.00.
- Between July 2008 and November of 2009, Officer Collins worked three hundred and thirty nine (339) hours over one hundred and thirty four (134) days at St. John's Hospital when he was supposed to be working for the Detroit Police Department. He was monetarily compensated at a rate of \$25.59 an hour for a total of \$8675.01.
- Therefore the total monetary compensation that Officer Collins received from the City of Detroit for work he did not perform was \$14,991.92

On January 18, 2010, Sergeant Svenkesen obtained the payroll registries for Officer Collins.

On January 19, 2010, an Investigator's Report naming Officer Collins as the defendant was submitted to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Robert Donaldson of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. (Document 8-1)

On January 21, 2010, Chief Evans with the concurrence of the Board of Police Commissioners suspended Officer Collins without pay pending the criminal and departmental adjudication of this matter. (Document 7-17)

On February 8, 2010, Sergeant Svenkesen met with Mr. Michael Passage, the Security Director for St. John's Hospital and received surveillance video of the parking lot of Riverview hospital. The video showed Officer Collins vehicle for the hours that he worked at the hospital.

It should be noted that further investigation, revealed that Officer Collins was also employed by the Allen Academy located at 8666 Quincy, Detroit, MI as a Truancy Officer and Security Guard.



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On March 1, 2010, a search warrant for Officer Collins employment records was served upon Ms. Diane Griggs, Human Resources for the Leona Group LLC. A review of the records revealed that from April 14, 2008 through January 9, 2009, Officer Collins worked Monday through Friday 11:30 P.M. to 6:30 A.M. as a Security Guard at the Allen Academy. Starting on January 12, 2009, through February 26, 2010, Officer Collins continued working 11:30 A.M. through 6:30 A.M. and along with being a Truancy Officer. This secondary position was Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. through 3:00 P.M. (Document Appendix B)

A spreadsheet was completed that documented the total number of hours per day that Officer Collins purportedly worked during eighty six (86) specific days from January 5, 2009 through November 25 2009 for all three employers. (Document 8-10)

Delineated below are the findings:

22 Hours – 2 days  
24 Hours – 4 days  
24.5 Hours – 6 days  
24.75 – 1 day  
25 Hours – 3 days  
25.25 – 2 days  
25.5 – 1 day  
26 Hours – 5 days  
26.25 Hours – 4 days  
26.5 Hours – 7 days  
26.75 Hours – 3 days  
27 Hours – 35 days  
27.25 Hours – 6 days  
27.50 Hours – 4 days  
27.75 Hours – 1 day

On April 16, 2010, APA Donaldson signed the Investigator's Report, recommending that Officer Collins be charged with one (1) count of Larceny by False Pretenses less than \$20,000.00 and one (1) count of Misconduct in Office. (Document 9-1)

On April 19, 2010, Officer Collins was arraigned at the Thirty-Sixth District Court, before Magistrate Steven Lockhart. Officer Collins pled not guilty and was granted a \$50,000.00 personal bond. His Preliminary Exam was scheduled for June 3, 2010 at 8:30 A.M.



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After several adjournments, Officer Collins Preliminary Examination began on September 15, 2010.

On February 28, 2011, Officer Collins was bound over for trial to the Third Circuit Court.

On December 5, 2011, the trial started for Officer Collins.

On December 8, 2011, the trial ended with a verdict of not guilty on all counts.

It should be noted that on January 18, 2011, Sergeant Lewis received a forty five (45) day suspension for submitting and verifying Activity Logs and Daily Details for officers under her command who in actuality did not work. This was IA Case #10 017.

#### **WITNESS STATEMENTS**

On January 12, 2010, approximately 11:45 A.M., Sergeant Svenkesen interviewed Mr. Passage who stated that Officer Collins worked as an armed security officer at the Riverview location. He stated that Officer Collins' hours were from 7:00 A.M. through 2:00 P.M. or 3:00 P.M. (Tape)

On this same date, Sergeant Svenkesen interviewed Sergeant Juan Rogers, Officer Collins direct supervisor at St. Johns Hospital. He stated that he would check on Officer Collins along with the other officers assigned to him throughout the day. Sergeant Rogers made the work schedules and Officer Collins was typically scheduled from 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. or 3:00 P.M. (Tape)

On February 25, 2010, approximately 12:00 P.M., Sergeant Svenkesen interviewed Mrs. Stacey Ann Collins, of 21901 Kenosho, Oak Park, MI, Officer Collins' wife. She stated that she had been separated from Mr. Collins for approximately four years. She provided information on two bank accounts for Officer Collins, but she did not know where he was living. When asked about Officer Collins secondary employment she provided information that he was employed at the Allen Academy as a security guard and Truancy Officer. (Tape)

On March 4, 2010, Sergeant Lewis was interviewed under Investigative Subpoena. During this interview under oath she testified that Officer Collins reported to duty everyday and she saw him at either 11:00 A.M. or 12:00 P.M. depending on his hours. Additionally, she stated that if she was not present, Lieutenant Pastella Williams, badge L-111, assigned to the Eastern District, (the executive lieutenant) would see him. It should be noted that Sergeant Lewis testified at the preliminary examination on January 12, 2011, and her testimony was consistent with her statement under Investigative Subpoena. (Document)

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On March 30, 2010, approximately 1:45 P.M., writer conducted an audio taped interview with then Assistant Chief Godbee at Police Headquarters. He stated that he was the commander of the Ninth Precinct from November 2002 to December 2003 and Deputy Chief of the Eastern District starting in September of 2005 through March of 2007. He admitted to knowing Officer Collins from the Eastern District, but did not recall specifically when Officer Collins was assigned there. He was not aware that Officer Collins was working outside employment and he did not sign a request for outside employment for Officer Collins. He denied authorizing Officer Collins to work at St. John's Hospital instead of coming to work at the Eastern District. Assistant Chief Godbee also denied telling Sergeant Lewis that Officer Collins would be a direct report to him. Assistant Chief Godbee denied being a personal friend of Officer Collins. (Tape)

On April 7, 2010, at approximately 11:45 A.M., Sergeant Svenkesen interviewed former Deputy Chief Joyce Motley at the office of Internal Affairs. She was assigned to the Eastern District from March 2007 through September 2008. She denied that Assistant Chief Godbee directed her to let Officer Collins not come to work for the Detroit Police Department, but continue to be paid. She denied being aware that Officer Collins was working outside employment. She further denied telling Sergeant Lewis that Officer Collins was her direct report and not to question what he did. (Tape)

On December 6, 2010, Ms. Georgie Burrell, the School Leader of the Allen Academy testified at the Preliminary Examination and confirmed that Officer Collins was employed at the Allen Academy and he worked two shifts, one of which was 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and he was monetarily compensated at a rate of \$22.00 an hour. She further testified that Officer Collins position as a home school liaison officer required that he spend the primary part of his day in the school building. When asked if Officer Collins met these expectations she replied, no. She went on to testify that in fact there were occasions when they attempted to locate him, but they could not. (Court Transcript)

*CHECK TRAIL  
TRANSCRIPT*

#### CANVASS

Due to the nature of the incident, there was no canvass conducted.

#### EVIDENCE

Payroll records and timesheets for Allen Academy  
Payroll records and timesheets for St. Johns Hospital  
Payroll records, timesheets and Activity Logs for the Detroit Police Department

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**WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

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**GARRITY INTERVIEW**

On January 21, 2010, at approximately 12:00 P.M., writer interviewed Police Officer Tobios Rios, badge 4728, assigned to the Eastern District, under the provisions of Garrity at Internal Affairs. Officer Rios stated that he was assigned to Community Relations for approximately three to four years. He stated he would report on duty at the front desk before starting his community policing shift of 6:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Officer Rios stated that he was not aware of Officer Collins working another job and rarely saw him while on shift, because Officer Collins usually worked an afternoon shift. (Tape)

On January 21, 2010, at approximately 12:15 P.M., writer interviewed Police Officer Brad Hawkins, badge 3828, assigned to the Eastern District, under the provisions of Garrity at Internal Affairs. Officer Hawkins stated he had been working Community Relations for about a year and did know Officer Collins. He stated that he would usually report on duty at the front desk and with the dispatcher, before starting his duty. He stated that Officer Collins had called him on his cell phone to switch his shift or cover for him a few times, because he would have a basketball game or other functions. He stated that he was unaware that Officer Collins had a second job and did not hear conversations regarding Officer Collins' shift or his whereabouts. (Tape)

On January 21, 2010, at approximately 12:30 P.M., writer interviewed Police Officer Vanessa Burt, badge 2008, assigned to the Eastern District, under the provisions of Garrity at Internal Affairs. Officer Burt stated that her shift for Community Relations was usually 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. She stated that before starting the shift, she would check in with Sergeant Lewis to see if there were any Citizen Complaints or special assignments for the day. Officer Burt did not see Officer Collins during her shift and was unaware of Officer Collins' second job. (Tape)

On January 21, 2010, at approximately 12:55 P.M., writer interviewed Police Officer Shawntee Robins, badge 3700, assigned to the Eastern District, under the provisions of Garrity at Internal Affairs. Officer Robins stated that she had been assigned to Community Relations for approximately three years and her shift was 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. She stated that before starting her shift, she would check in with Sergeant Lewis. She stated that she was unaware of



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Officer Collins' second job and that she never really saw him during work hours due to the different assignments.

On January 25, 2010, at approximately 10:15 A.M., Sergeant Svenkesen interviewed Lieutenant Williams, under the provisions of Garrity at Internal Affairs. Lieutenant Williams stated that she was the administrative lieutenant for the District and was not directly in charge of the Community Relations unit. She stated that she did not know until recently that Officer Collins had a secondary job. She stated that she could not remember who told her, but it was never directly brought to her attention regarding Officer Collins. (Tape)

On January 25, 2010, at approximately 10:30 A.M., Sergeant Svenkesen interviewed Commander Steven Dolunt, assigned to the Eastern District, under the provisions of Garrity at Internal Affairs. Commander Dolunt stated that he was the Commanding Officer of the Eastern District since December 2007. The concerns regarding Officer Collins not working his full shifts were brought to his attention in December 2008. Commander Dolunt stated that he could not recall who brought the incidents to his attention, but he contacted Commander Brian R. Stair, of Internal Affairs in December 2008. Commander Dolunt stated that he rarely saw Officer Collins and was suspicious of his whereabouts; however, Sergeant Lewis assured him that he reported to work. Additionally, he stated that Commander James Moore, of the Eastern District gave Officer Collins specific responsibilities to ensure he was working. (Tape)

On January 26, 2010, at approximately 10:30 A.M., Sergeant Svenkesen interviewed Lieutenant J Coleman, badge L-, assigned to Police Medical. Lieutenant Coleman stated that she was the administrative lieutenant at the Eastern District from approximately 2005 through mid 2009. She stated that she met with all the officers that were part of the Community Relations unit, except for Officer Collins. She stated that she ordered Officer Collins in to meet with her. She stated that she met with Officer Collins and wanted him to report to her directly and his shift was to be 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. She was told that he could not work those hours, because his mom was sick and he had to take care of his children. Officer Collins told her that Sergeant Lewis was aware and it was okay for him to work later hours. Lieutenant Coleman stated that she spoke with Sergeant Lewis regarding Officer Collins. She was told that everything was under control with all her officers in the Community Relations unit. (Tape)

On March 17, 2010, Commander Dolunt was re-interviewed by Sergeant Svenkesen and Commander Stair. In 2007, when he was working for Deputy Chief Motley when he questioned the activities of Officer Collins, she advised him not to worry about him. In 2008, when Deputy Chief Motley retired, he heard rumors that Officer Collins was running sports camps outside of the city. This caused Commander Moore to give him specific job responsibilities, which included delivering letters to the homes of persons that were the victims of Home

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Invasions. Commander Dolunt stated that when they reviewed Officer Collins Activity Log the receipts of the letters were never home and this made him further suspicious of Officer Collins; however, Sergeant Lewis assured him that Officer Collins was there at roll call. (Tape)

On this same date, Sergeant Svenkesen and Commander Stair interviewed Commander Moore. He stated that when he was reporting to Deputy Chief Motley, he and Commander Dolunt were given specific responsibilities within the precinct. Community Relations reported to the Deputy Chief and when he (Commander Moore) inquired about Officer Collins she advised him, "I got that." Commander Moore had conversations with Sergeant Lewis and she assured him that Officer Collins was working. Commander Moore indicated that if an incident occurred later in the afternoon (2:30 P.M.) Officer Collins was present. Commander Moore indicated he received an anonymous letter indicating that Officer Collins was involved in Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Basketball while he was supposed to be working. Commander Moore indicated that he notified Internal Affairs about this allegation. (Tape)

On February 9, 2010, at approximately 11:45 A.M., Sergeant Svenkesen interviewed Police Officer Audrey Curtis, badge 4724, assigned to the Eastern District, under the provisions of Garrity at Internal Affairs. Officer Curtis stated that she had been a Community Relations Officer for approximately eleven years. She stated that she knew Officer Collins, but did not know he was working a secondary job until she was told recently by her Commander. She stated that she would rarely see other Community Relations officers, unless she or another officer was requesting assistance.

Officer Curtis stated that her normal working hours were from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., unless a detail was scheduled. At the beginning of the shift, she stated that she would check in with Sergeant Lewis and then at the end of the shift, unless Sergeant Lewis was gone. If she was gone, Officer Curtis stated she would sign out in the Blotter. (Tape)

On July 6, 2010, at approximately 10:55 A.M., writer interviewed Sergeant Lewis under the provisions of Garrity in the office of Internal Affairs. Specific to Officer Collins, Sergeant Lewis stated that in 2007 when former Deputy Chief Motley was newly assigned to the district she began to see Officer Collins everyday at on duty; however, prior to 2007 then Deputy Chief Godbee directed her to put Officer Collins on the Daily Detail, but he was a direct report to him. Sergeant Lewis stated she never saw him and did not question where he was. Sergeant Lewis denied knowing Officer Collins had outside employment and denied giving him permission to work outside employment. She stated that Officer Collins referred to himself as "Godbee's boy" and she interpreted that to mean he was friends with then assistant chief.

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On December 20, 2011, at approximately 1:00 P.M., writer and Sergeant Svenkesen interviewed Officer Collins under the provisions of Garrity at Internal Affairs. Officer Collins asserted that he was given permission by then Deputy Chief Godbee to work as a football coach for a team in Huntington Woods, MI and a basketball team. Officer Collins produced two photographs of Chief Godbee at events that he stated were proof that Chief Godbee was aware of and approved his alternative work activities. Specific to the hours, Officer Collins stated that his actual works hours were 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., even though his Activity Logs and Daily Detail documented his hours as 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., or 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. He stated that Sergeant Lewis was aware of his work hours, but told him to submit Activity Logs with the alternative times. When questioned about the validity of the entries on his Activity Logs, Officer Collins stated that the entries were correct, but the times were not. Officer Collins stated that from 2:00 P.M. through 5:00 P.M., he worked around the precinct, but then ran basketball and football practices in the evening, depending on the time of year. Officer Collins repeatedly stated that he was given permission by Chief Godbee and that all the command staff that were assigned to the Eastern District from 2004 through 2010. Officer Collins in response to direct questioning could not provide the names or a roster of the children that were in his programs. Officer Collins when questioned as to why he did not properly document his work functions, if in fact they were sanctioned by the chief, he repeatedly stated that Sergeant Lewis told him to do it that way. (CD)

It should be noted that writer spoke with Chief Godbee regarding Officer Collins assertions and denied

#### **CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION**

On December 4, 2009, in response to a letter received in the Chief's Office, Internal Affairs began an investigation into Officer Collins and time fraud.

Through investigation it was determined that Officer Collins was working for the Detroit Police Department, along with St. John's Hospital and the Allen Academy. On eighty-six occasions, these three employments showed that Officer Collins was purportedly working over 24 hours a day. Additionally, hours that he was expected to be working, overlapped for each employer on a daily basis.

It was determined that Officer Collins, defrauded the Detroit Police Department out of \$14,991.92, during which time he was working as a armed security guard at St. John's Hospital and was supposed to be on duty working Community Relations.



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Officer Collins was criminally charged, but he was found not guilty at trial.

Officer Collins was interviewed under the provisions of Garrity and admitted to working at St. John's Hospital and the Allen Academy without authorization. However, he denied defrauding the city. He claimed that although the Daily Details and Activity Logs that he signed and submitted (that document his hours as either 11:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M., or 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.) were false. He claimed that he actually worked 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., or whenever he arrived from his unauthorized outside employment. It was Officer Collins contention that everyone (department executives and supervision) knew what he was doing and it was allowed.

Sergeant Lewis was interviewed under the provisions of Garrity and stated that since 2007, she had seen Officer Collins everyday when he came on duty at either 11:00 A.M. or 12:00 P.M. Sergeant Lewis testified to the same at court.

Based upon the above facts and circumstances, writer recommends that IA Case #09 142, be closed with a finding of **"SUSTAINED"** and be forwarded to Disciplinary Administration for adjudication for the following violations of the department rules and regulations:

**CHARGE I: CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER**

**Specification:** That he, Police Officer Jerome Collins, badge 1508, assigned to the Eastern District, did, between November 2007 and November 2009, work two unauthorized outside employments that overlapped his duties and responsibilities with the Detroit Police Department as a Community Relations Officer, such conduct which tends to bring the department into disrepute and reflects discredit upon the individual as an officer, and is contrary to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics; this being in violation of Series 102.3, Directive #102.3-7.9, Conduct, Unprofessional, Subsection 1, of the Detroit Police Manual.

## **EXHIBIT 2**

CITY OF DETROIT  
TRIAL BOARD HEARING

In the Matter of:  
CITY OF DETROIT  
(POLICE DEPARTMENT),

Employer,

No. 12-0137

-and-

Volume 4

DETROIT POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
(POLICE OFFICER JEROME COLLINS),  
Union.

Proceedings had and testimony  
taken in the above matter before a Trial Board at 7310  
Woodward Ave., 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan, on  
Thursday, July 11, 2013 commencing at or about 9:00 a.m.  
APPEARANCES:

TRIAL BOARD

COMMANDER ROBERT ENNIS, Chairperson

INSPECTOR GARY SROKA, Co-Member

INSPECTOR DWAYNE BLACKMON, Co-Member

MS. LETITIA JONES, ESQUIRE, City Advocate  
(Appearing on behalf of the Detroit Police Department)

MR. JOHN GOLDPAUGH, ESQUIRE  
(Appearing on behalf of Police Officer Jerome Collins)

REPORTED BY: TAMARA A. O'CONNOR (CSMR-2656, CER-2656)

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Detroit, Michigan  
Thursday, July 11, 2013  
9:19 a.m.

# PROCEEDINGS

COMMANDER ENNIS: This Board is reconvened today, Thursday, July 11, 2013. If no one has any preliminary matters, we will turn over the proceedings to the City's advocate, Ms. Jones.

MS. JONES: I believe the parties have rested, and we are going to be doing our closing argument. Is that correct, brother counsel?

MR. GOLDPAUGH: That is correct.

MS. JONES: Closing argument:

The Department has to show, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the officer is guilty of the charges that are before you.

There is some discrepancy as to the first charge being by a preponderance of the evidence. There are some arbitrators who wish that to be a clear and convincing evidence standard versus preponderance of the evidence. In any event, none of these charges before you are beyond a reasonable doubt.

You have the daily details from the Detroit Police Department, and you also have the charts that show the overlap as it relates to the hours worked.

As it relates to Count II, Willful Disobedience of Rules or Orders, you have two specifications under this count, and the first one being that he was working security at St. John's without approval from the Chief of Police.

You have heard no testimony on this record that he ever obtained permission. Now, he may indicate that it was tacit approval and that people appeared-- and you will hear that in his Garrity, that people appeared at the football functions, but that does not go to these charges.

I don't want you to be confused about the football functions and these charges. These charges are whether he had approval to work St. John's Hospital. Additionally, the second specification is whether he had approval to work security and as a truancy officer at Allen Academy.

You have heard nothing in this record that states that he had approval. In fact the testimony from the witnesses supports the Department's position that he did not have approval.

As it relates to Count I,

Conduct Unbecoming an Officer, Officer Collins has been charged with conducting himself in a manner unbecoming an officer by working two unauthorized outside employments that overlapped his duties and responsibilities with the Detroit Police Department as a Community Relations officer.

Generally, one of the standards used with Conduct Unbecoming is whether it discredited the officer or brought the Department into disrepute. You have evidence presented to you as well as testimony showing that it did discredit the officer.

Secondly, you have the Free Press news article that shows that the Department was brought into disrepute not only from Officer Collins but also from other officers within that unit.

As it relates to Count I, you have had the opportunity to hear the testimony and review the evidence. You have activity logs from Officer Collins. You have time records from Allen Academy showing that he was working there. You have time records from St. John's Hospital showing he was working there.

Therefore, we will be asking you for a finding of guilt on Counts I and II.

As it relates to Count III, Using Authority or Position for Financial Gain or for Obtaining Privileges or Favors, brother counsel brought up that this actual charge is confusing because, as a police officer, what privileges or financial gain did he obtain as a police officer?

As it reads, it is to use his position for financial gain by working security when in fact he was supposed to be working as a Community Relations officer resulting in him being monetarily compensated by the City of Detroit for time worked.

What this is saying is he was paid by the City of Detroit and its citizens for work that he should have been doing at the City of Detroit. The problem is he went and worked other places when he should have been working at the City. That is what this particular charge is about.

So while it is confusing as to its title, the substance of the charge is quite clear, the fact that he was compensated when he should have been working as a Community Relations officer at Eastern District. So I defer to the Board as it relates to the finding of guilt on Count

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1 III.

2 Finally, as it relates to Count  
3 IV, Willfully Making a False Oral or Written  
4 Statement or Report, there have been numerous  
5 activity logs that have been submitted into the  
6 record, some of which I specifically went over, that  
7 speak to his-- such as January 5, the month of April  
8 and then I think September 2 I also pulled out as a  
9 sampling of his activity logs.

10 His activity logs show that he  
11 was working during a specific time, but then the  
12 time record of the outside agency showed him working  
13 there at the specific time. As it relates to  
14 St. John's, they actually had a swipe card in  
15 addition to other things that were not entered into  
16 the record that show him working at St. John's at  
17 specific times.

18 It is my position to you that  
19 you look at each and every activity log that is  
20 listed here and see if he signed them. If he signed  
21 them and they compare to the time records, then we  
22 ask that you find him guilty. If his signature is  
23 not affixed to that activity log, then he should be  
24 found not guilty.

25 Once you have a finding of

1 guilt on these matters, we will be asking for the  
2 penalty of discharge. Before I get into discharge,  
3 I just want to be clear that there is a tendency to  
4 look at his good works with the youth and with the  
5 seniors, but I don't want you to be confused by that  
6 because that is not why we're here.

7 We are here because he abused  
8 his privileges by receiving compensation for time  
9 not worked. We are here because he abused the time  
10 as it relates to his job with the DPD, and he  
11 violated Department rules such as outside employment  
12 and inaccurate and/or incomplete activity logs.

13 What he did was tantamount of  
14 fraud against the City. He couches it as tacit  
15 permission, he couches it as being allowed slide  
16 time. He denies authoring some of the activity  
17 logs, which is why I made mention that you need to  
18 consider each date to the activity logs as to a  
19 finding of guilt in Specification 4.

20 There has been sufficient  
21 evidence that gives rise to just cause for  
22 discipline. As it relates to penalty, the  
23 Department's position is he should be discharged  
24 from the Department.

25 The Department acknowledges his

1 lack of disciplinary history. However, these  
2 charges and the extended amount of time over which  
3 they took place is so egregious that discharge is  
4 the only reasonable penalty. We are asking you to  
5 look outside of the progressive discipline standard  
6 and that the disciplinary matrix is not applicable  
7 in these proceedings.

8 The Department seeks discharge  
9 and reimbursement of the amounts compensated where  
10 he was not on the job, and you have that information  
11 through the charts.

12 It came up that supervisor  
13 Mattie Lewis was also charged. Her charges were not  
14 the same. She received a 45-day penalty. That  
15 should not be considered in this case because she

16 entered into a plea. When you enter into a plea,  
17 those terms of that plea are not precedential, do  
18 not set precedence to this Board.

19 The same goes for Kenyata  
20 Borden. What she did in her plea is not  
21 precedential, and her charges were not similar  
22 either. It is not precedential to this Board. In  
23 fact one additional issue with Kenyata is hers was a  
24 one-time deal versus over a period of years.

25 In the event you believe

1 discharge is not the appropriate penalty, taking  
2 into account other factors, the fact that there was  
3 an acquittal, although since you have been police  
4 officers for a number of years, you do know that  
5 juries are unpredictable.

6 You don't know the reasoning  
7 behind acquitting him. It could have been because  
8 of his good works. We don't know. Other factors  
9 that might have been considered is the timeliness of  
10 the matter.

11 The problem is that the delay  
12 in bringing these charges forward-- or not bringing  
13 charges forward but in having the hearing was not  
14 due to the Department. Also, another factor to  
15 consider is his disciplinary history.

16 The penalty suggested, if you  
17 believe discharge is not the appropriate penalty,  
18 would be reinstatement with no back pay award which  
19 is essentially a suspension for the time he has  
20 already served from the Department.

21 While this alternate penalty  
22 was not run by the Department, I did not run it by  
23 the Department for approval, I am an attorney for  
24 the City of Detroit, and I have to look at the best  
25 interest of the City when I make these



1 recommendations.

2 So no, I did not get approval  
3 from the Department to offer you an alternative  
4 penalty. Additionally, please disregard my comments  
5 about MCOLES in my opening statement. MCOLES  
6 certification is not at issue here.

7 I believe I made mention that  
8 he should be reinstated subject to him being  
9 recertified within six months. That is not at issue  
10 here. So I am correcting my initial argument.

11 While I have given you the  
12 alternative option, let it be clear that the  
13 Department's position is that he be discharged from  
14 the Department. I reserve the right to rebuttal.

15 MR. GOLDBAUGH: You have that  
16 right. Members of the Board, thank you for your  
17 patience. It has been two days of testimony, but I  
18 also know that you took a lot more time reading the  
19 transcripts and going over the evidence and the  
20 exhibits, and I appreciate that.

21 I also appreciate the  
22 opportunity that we took a break between testimony  
23 for the reason I had to be in court but also to give  
24 you the opportunity, because too often in these  
25 proceedings, documents, Garrity statements,

1 transcripts are admitted, and the Board doesn't have  
2 a chance to review that, and we are making closing  
3 argument on what we perceive you have heard or read  
4 which you haven't.

5 In this case, I know that you  
6 have gone through these materials, and it is  
7 important. The interesting part is that Ms. Jones  
8 states that, with respect to Conduct Unbecoming an  
9 Officer, the first charge, that there is evidence  
10 here to support that Officer Collins brought the  
11 Department into disrepute.

12 Yet, it is even more  
13 interesting to note that there is no evidence on  
14 this record to support that charge. They rely on I  
15 believe it is Exhibit No. 11, a newspaper article.  
16 In Exhibit No. 11, there is no mention of Officer  
17 Collins' name in it. There is no mention of where  
18 he works.

19 There is no mention of what is  
20 going on with respect to Officer Collins and, more  
21 interesting than not, with respect to the individual  
22 who is, quote, "suspended," there is no mention that  
23 there was any time card fraud. Time card fraud is  
24 addressing the other officer. That is Kenyata  
25 Borden.

1 So how does this newspaper  
2 article bring Officer Collins-- how does Officer  
3 Collins not being mentioned in a newspaper article  
4 bring the Department into disrepute? What brings  
5 the Department into disrepute was the actions-- and  
6 I have never said that he should get less than  
7 Mattie Lewis got. I never even alleged that.

8 Ms. Jones has brought out in  
9 her closing argument, and testimony came from  
10 Lieutenant Walton regarding the plea agreements and  
11 things like that. That came out on direct  
12 testimony. When I was questioning her regarding the  
13 investigative subpoena, Lieutenant Walton said, oh,  
14 Mattie Lewis, she got 45 days.

15 But when you look at the  
16 charges against Officer Collins in these  
17 proceedings, this is exactly where it came from when  
18 I made my opening statement. The Community  
19 Relations Unit at the Eastern District before the  
20 arrival of Commander Dolunt was basically in  
21 disarray.

22 You heard testimony from  
23 Commander Dolunt that he was wondering what was  
24 going on. He was going to Mattie Lewis. Mattie  
25 Lewis is saying, oh, no, he worked for Godbee when I

1 got here, I talked to Motley, all these things  
2 occurred, and he goes and speaks to Deputy Chief  
3 Motley.

4 Deputy Chief Motley, according  
5 to Commander Dolunt, says don't worry about it, I  
6 got it, I'll take care of it, meaning Officer  
7 Collins. The same thing with Commander Moore. He  
8 gives the same testimony.

9 Yet, you didn't hear that from  
10 Deputy Chief Motley, did you? You heard nothing.  
11 Oh, no, I didn't know anything about this, I didn't  
12 do any of these things.

13 Members of this Board, he had a  
14 relationship with Commander Godbee. He had a  
15 relationship, and Commander Godbee at the time had  
16 him working for him. That continued on. He was  
17 running programs, he was running the Community  
18 Relations Department.

19 The whole Community Relations  
20 Department was that way, and then Mattie Lewis was  
21 placed in charge of it, and it continued that way.  
22 Four years of no activity logs from anybody in  
23 Community Relations? You've got to be kidding me.  
24 Yet, they want to hold him accountable and him alone  
25 accountable for this fiasco.

1 That's not what happened. What  
2 happened was he was doing his work. You heard  
3 nothing from that stand that has raised one incident  
4 of a complaint about Officer Collins not getting his  
5 work done, not doing what he was supposed to be  
6 doing for the City of Detroit.

7 True there is an overlap, but  
8 that overlap does not mean that he was not giving  
9 eight full hours of time to Detroit on each day. He  
10 did his job, he showed up. He did what he was  
11 supposed to do, and he gave that to the community,  
12 and he gave it to the City of Detroit, and he gave  
13 it to the Detroit Police Department.

14 That is what the evidence shows  
15 here. Even when you look at the trial transcript  
16 from Mr. Green for example, all Mr. Green talked  
17 about is lauded Officer Collins even though he is  
18 called as a prosecution witness.

19 Do you find it interesting that  
20 the People did not call Mattie Lewis in their case  
21 in chief? She was the one who was his supervisor.  
22 She was the one who basically testified at the  
23 investigative subpoena as to her actions.

24 You know why they didn't call  
25 her? Because she was going to say, and you saw

1 this, look, Godbee and Motley told me let him do it.  
2 That's why. Because what they want to do is say he  
3 was doing everything he was supposed to do.

4 The evidence shows that. He  
5 was coming to work, he was showing up. He was  
6 giving eight hours to the City of Detroit. He was  
7 also working trying to make a buck other places too.  
8 He was working on weekends for this community, he  
9 was working weekends for the Detroit Police  
10 Department.

11 That is why they didn't put  
12 Mattie Lewis on the stand as a prosecution witness.  
13 I wasn't the defense attorney, but I would have  
14 called her too. I didn't represent him. Because  
15 the facts show he did not bring this Department into  
16 disrepute.

17 Did he get written permission?  
18 I don't know. We have never seen it. We have  
19 heard people say, well, he didn't get permission  
20 from me, and I agree, he didn't go each time and get  
21 permission to work from Commander Dolunt, for  
22 example, or even Deputy Chief Motley.

23 But Commander Godbee knew what  
24 was going on. Commander Godbee knew exactly what  
25 was going on, and he allowed it to continue. Then

1 when he got out, Deputy Chief Motley continued the  
2 way things were going.

3 Then the interesting part is,  
4 and I found it kind of a surprise, was the anonymous  
5 letter that comes up approximately a year before  
6 the-- November 11 from the ever elusive  
7 Ms. Catherine Jones who it turns out probably never  
8 existed. It was probably his ex-wife. But we don't  
9 know that for a fact. I'm just guessing and  
10 speculating.

11 But we do have this anonymous  
12 phone call or the anonymous letter which was quite  
13 lengthy that Commander Dolunt spoke of, and so did  
14 Commander Moore. They took steps to find out what  
15 was going on. They sent it to Internal Affairs.

16 Internal Affairs, according to  
17 Commander Dolunt, said that they either didn't do  
18 anything or they were under-staffed or something  
19 along those lines. Commander Moore was more  
20 specific and said, well, yes, I spoke to them. I  
21 called down there, and they told me we investigated,  
22 and we found nothing.

23 Well, members of the Board, is  
24 that even plausible that they found nothing if in  
25 fact you believe what the Department wants you to

1 believe, if he is not showing up for work on time,  
2 he is not doing his jobs, and he is just, willy  
3 nilly, doing nothing?

4 Don't you think that they would  
5 see if he was violating the rules and regulations of  
6 the Department, along those lines, that something  
7 would have materialized before the second letter?  
8 The answer is nothing materialized because nothing  
9 was going on out of the ordinary how things were  
10 working with respect to Deputy Chief Motley and  
11 Commander Godbee.

12 Then Commander Dolunt, because  
13 he was tightening things up, and you read the  
14 testimony of Mattie Lewis, she said yes, because I  
15 then had to start having them do their activity logs  
16 because Community Relations had come under greater  
17 scrutiny.

18 Those were her words or those  
19 were the prosecutor's words, I'm not sure. She  
20 didn't know why that was, but she also knew that now  
21 she had to get people to do activity logs. She even  
22 testified that she went and asked Officer Collins to  
23 back-date some, and he refused to do it.

24 He wasn't going to back-date  
25 something that he was going to make up. You saw

1 that in the testimony. So is this the type of a  
2 person who is cheating the City of Detroit out of  
3 his time? No, just the opposite.

4 He was giving the time  
5 constantly. He was providing that to the citizens  
6 of Detroit. He was working. He was working for  
7 Detroit, and he was working for two other places  
8 trying to make a buck and trying to survive. There  
9 is no doubt about that.

10 There is no dispute that he had  
11 outside employment. There is no dispute that he did  
12 not get permission for the outside employment from  
13 Commander Dolunt.

14 The other interesting parts are  
15 that, as Commander Dolunt indicated and testified to  
16 with respect to the football programs and all these  
17 activities which nobody seemed to remember occurring  
18 when they were on the stand-- you have Exhibit  
19 No. 16 that was posted in Commander Moore's office.

20 Why would that be posted in the  
21 Eastern District if it didn't have something to do  
22 with Detroit police work? It was posted there, the  
23 schedule, that he, the Community Relations officer,  
24 was involved in this program.

25 You heard testimony, and you

1 will read testimony if you haven't gotten to all  
2 that yet, where then Commander Godbee was attending  
3 functions.

4 You saw testimony from Mattie  
5 Lewis where she stated with respect to these  
6 initiative reports, it was Commander Serda who was  
7 directing Officer Collins at certain times, that he  
8 was reporting to different people, and that is what  
9 was going on in this case.

10 I was kind of wondering, and I  
11 thought it was skillful of Ms. Jones to try to  
12 explain Count III. Because even with her  
13 explanation, I still don't see it. Because if that  
14 is what they're claiming that he used his position  
15 for financial gain, it is basically what she is  
16 alleging is larceny.

17 In other words, she is saying,  
18 just like they said in court, well, he filled out  
19 his activity logs saying he was at a certain  
20 location, and he has denied doing some of those logs  
21 as you are aware of, and that he wasn't really  
22 there. So therefore, he must have stopped working  
23 at 8:00 because he's someplace else.

24 That is a guess. That was the  
25 gist of the criminal case too, which of course we

1 are all aware he was acquitted of. In other words,  
2 we can guess and speculate why the jury did what  
3 they did, but the jury did what they did because  
4 they found beyond a reasonable doubt that he didn't  
5 do it.

6 He was acquitted by a jury.

7 Too often, way too often, the Wayne County  
8 Prosecutor's Office demands that we have a jury with  
9 respect to police officers. I have been  
10 representing them for a number of years.

11 It used to be you didn't have  
12 to do that, you could waive in front of a judge.  
13 The Wayne County Prosecutor will not allow that  
14 under 95 percent of the cases because it is their  
15 position that the people of the City of Detroit or  
16 of Wayne County are the ones to make the  
17 determination.

18 Well, that is what happened in  
19 this case. It wasn't a judge who threw the case out  
20 on a technicality, it was 12 people sitting in  
21 judgment on him on these very charges. Don't kid  
22 yourself, that's what these charges are all about.  
23 On these very charges, they found that he was not  
24 guilty, that the People did not prove the case.

25 I just bring that up because we

1 have this whole three-ring circus going on at the  
2 very beginning of this matter. Interestingly  
3 enough, Commander Dolunt, as I said, tightens the  
4 reins up, and then we come up with another letter.

5 Now, this is specifically  
6 dealing with somebody named Catherine Jones. So the  
7 testimony shows that he was not obtaining financial  
8 gain using his position. We all know what that  
9 means. It doesn't mean, oh, you stole something.

10 It means you walk into the  
11 arena after a Pistons game or into Joe Lewis, flash  
12 your badge and say, hey, let me in for free. We all  
13 know that is what this means. This situation does  
14 not fit that.

15 This is a situation where a  
16 police officer was working hard for the City of  
17 Detroit. You saw in Exhibit No. 15 these initiative  
18 reports. You see in the activity logs, there is a  
19 series of activity logs where he is at the  
20 basketball programs within the community. Those are  
21 in his activity logs.

22 Yet, they are saying athletics  
23 has nothing to do with community relations.  
24 Commander Godbee, when he testified and gave  
25 statements, admitted that he had been to functions.

1 He admitted he had been to a function I believe it  
2 was at Allen Academy.

3 He didn't know what that was  
4 all about, but the other interesting part is, and  
5 this was on direct testimony before Arbitrator  
6 Ashford in trying to get at the Community Relations  
7 aspects of it, so this is like PAL, and Commander  
8 Godbee, retired Chief Godbee, stated:

9 "Well, no, it's a little bit more  
10 expansive than PAL, but it could include  
11 activities similar to PAL, but it is not  
12 just sports focused, but it is for  
13 community building, building relationships  
14 with the community. Each command has . . ."  
15 And then it goes on.

16 So when Ms. Jones says don't  
17 take into account all the good he did for the  
18 community and for the elderly and for that, that is  
19 just the opposite of what you are supposed to do,  
20 because he was doing all of that, winning awards,  
21 doing the basketball programs, the football  
22 programs, he was doing all of that while he was a  
23 Community Relations officer.

24 He was doing all of that for  
25 the City of Detroit. He was doing all of that when

1 he was under the direction and tutelage of Commander  
2 Godbee and following it on with Deputy Chief Motley.

3 Are there discrepancies in the  
4 activity logs? Yes, there are. There is no doubt  
5 about that. But he has told you in his Garrity  
6 interview that he came in and he checked in every  
7 day, because he had to based on the directions of  
8 Sergeant Lewis and Commander Dolunt.

9 Commander Dolunt said with all  
10 these people, let's get this under control. You saw  
11 the testimony of Mattie Lewis who said, I was seeing  
12 him and I was telling these people where he was as  
13 well as where her other individuals were.

14 The work was all done, maybe  
15 not at the exact same times, but all of the work was  
16 done, and he was giving eight hours a day, and that  
17 is what the evidence shows, and that is what that's  
18 all about.

19 Having a job outside without  
20 permission is not a fireable offense, but that is  
21 what they want you to do. Being not mentioned by  
22 name in a newspaper article is not a firing offense.  
23 That's what they want you to do.

24 I still haven't figured out the  
25 financial gain aspect, and if I badged myself into a

1 hockey game as a police officer, I'm not going to  
2 get fired for it, but that's what they want you to  
3 do.

4 Then they want to take all this  
5 together and say, oh, and by the way, he lied 81  
6 times. That's what they're saying. He did not lie  
7 81 times. He didn't even prepare half of those  
8 activity logs.

9 You will notice, as Ms. Jones  
10 has pointed out, some aren't signed by anybody.  
11 Some are signed allegedly by Officer Collins and  
12 some may or may not be his signatures. They have  
13 not shown that they were his signatures.

14 We do have testimony from  
15 Mattie Lewis that she wanted him to back-date ones,  
16 and he refused. We don't know which ones they were  
17 that she possibly prepared so that she would be in  
18 better shape.

19 We also have testimony from her  
20 and from his command that this entire investigation  
21 was triggered less than a year after the clamp-down,  
22 so to speak, or the attempts by Commanders Dolunt  
23 and Moore to tighten up the situation.

24 He was doing what he was  
25 supposed to do. He provided more than his eight

1 hours to the City of Detroit shift, and he did  
2 exactly what he was supposed to do with respect to  
3 this community. I ask that he be found not guilty  
4 and be reinstated and made whole.

5 MS. JONES: Brief rebuttal:  
6 Counsel brings forward an argument that Collins had  
7 a relationship with Godbee, but you will see in the  
8 testimony of Chief Godbee that wasn't necessarily  
9 the case.

10 As it relates to the fact that  
11 we didn't call Mattie Lewis, she was subpoenaed, she  
12 chose not to appear. Therefore, her testimony is  
13 shown in the criminal trial transcript, Exhibit  
14 No. 8.

15 COMMANDER ENNIS: Counsel, hold  
16 on one second.

17 MR. GOLDPAUGH: If Ms. Jones  
18 took it that way, that's not what I meant. I said  
19 the People in the criminal case. That's what I  
20 said. I did not say that you did not call her.

21 MS. JONES: Okay, I took it  
22 that way.

23 MR. GOLDPAUGH: I just want to  
24 make sure that it is clear that I know why she  
25 wasn't here for this.

1 MS. JONES: The initial letter  
2 that was brought forth was by Mr. Collins' estranged  
3 wife, ex-wife, current wife, whatever her status is.  
4 A year later came the anonymous letter.

5 As to IA finding nothing, if  
6 you recall Lieutenant Walton's testimony, she said  
7 that they sat at the building in Canton. If you  
8 recall, there was testimony about a sports arena in  
9 Canton. So if he didn't appear in Canton, of course  
10 they found nothing.

11 There was no indication that  
12 they followed him around for a 24-hour period. So  
13 where counsel says nothing out of the ordinary  
14 happened, so nothing could be found, that is the  
15 reason.

16 So then we go to his argument  
17 that, under Collins' Garrity, he checked in every  
18 day, he got his work done. He included that Mattie  
19 Lewis supports that she saw him, he got his work  
20 done. She saw him, but she didn't see him during  
21 the full eight hours.

22 That he got his work done  
23 doesn't mean that he worked eight hours. I can get  
24 my work done, and I may not necessarily work eight  
25 hours. So that logic is not sound logic there.

1 To say that he lied 81 times,  
2 yes, there are 81 specifications, and yes there was  
3 testimony through Collins' statement and also  
4 through Mattie Lewis that she asked him to back-date  
5 it but he refused, she acknowledged that she asked  
6 him to back-date it, and he said that he refused.

7 If he refused, then his  
8 signature would not be affixed to any of-- well, to  
9 the activity logs that are before you. Counsel  
10 stated he didn't prepare half of those activity  
11 logs. Take a look at the activity logs.

12 If his signature is not affixed  
13 to it and it corresponds to a day that is in  
14 question, and you can look at the charts for  
15 expediency if you like, then disregard it. He is to  
16 be found not guilty on that.

17 But if his signature is affixed  
18 to it and the charts show that he was working at two  
19 of the locations, be it St. John's and DPD or Allen  
20 Academy and DPD, then he should be found guilty on  
21 those charges.

22 With a finding of guilt, we ask  
23 that he be discharged from the Department or, in the  
24 alternative, suspended for the period of time that  
25 has transpired. Anything further, counsel?

1 MR. GOLDPAUGH: I don't get  
2 another bite at the apple.

3 MS. JONES: Any questions from  
4 the Board?

5 COMMANDER ENNIS: As far as our  
6 deliberations, are we entitled to the transcripts  
7 from the investigative subpoena of Mattie Lewis, and  
8 I know that it was not admitted, but the Garrity  
9 interview for Officer Collins?

10 MR. GOLDPAUGH: It was. That  
11 is Exhibit No. 1.

12 MS. JONES: That is Exhibit  
13 No. 1 is the Garrity interview and it is up to  
14 counsel--

15 MR. GOLDPAUGH: I have no  
16 problem.

17 COMMANDER ENNIS: Has it  
18 already been transcribed?

19 MS. JONES: It is transcribed,  
20 and it is somewhere in this box. So if you will  
21 permit me, I will try and get it for you.

22 MR. GOLDPAUGH: I have no  
23 objections to it. It was not made part of the  
24 record, but I have no objections to you reviewing  
25 that.

1 MS. JONES: Therefore, that  
2 will be Board Exhibit No. 18. The Board requested  
3 Exhibit No. 18, which is the transcript of the  
4 investigative subpoena interview of Mattie Lewis.

5 (At 9:58 a.m., BX#18 marked  
6 and received)

7 MS. JONES: Anything further?

8 COMMANDER ENNIS: No.

9 MS. JONES: Do you waive a  
10 reconvening of the Board?

11 MR. GOLDPAUGH: Yes, we waive a  
12 reconvening of the Board and accept it in writing.

13 COMMANDER ENNIS: This Trial  
14 Board is completed.

15 (At 10:00 a.m., concluded)  
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CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
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 COUNTY OF OAKLAND )

I certify that this transcript, consisting  
 of 31 pages, is a complete, true and correct  
 transcript of the Trial Board proceedings in this  
 case on July 11, 2013.

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RE: Reinstatement of Jerome Collins, Badge No. 1508

Dear Chief Craig:

On January 21, 2010, Officer Jerome Collins was suspended without pay from the Detroit Police Department. The basis for this suspension was the issuance of a three-count felony warrant for Larceny and Misconduct in Office.

On December 8, 2011, Officer Collins was acquitted of all charges by a jury. This was before the Honorable Patricia Fresard. On December 12, 2011, a request was made of Chief Ralph Godbee, Jr. to reinstate Officer Collins to the payroll forthwith. At that time, a copy of the Order of Acquittal/Dismissal was presented to then-Chief Godbee.

The request of December 12, 2011, fell on deaf ears and a second correspondence was sent on December 26, 2011, the Order of Acquittal/Dismissal was again included. I am, again, enclosing the Order of Acquittal/Dismissal in this matter.

Subsequently an Article IX Suspension Without Pay Hearing was conducted. However, though this was held quite some time ago, no award has been made. As such, pursuant to the Suspension Without Pay of January 21, 2010, Officer Jerome Collins remains suspended without pay for almost two years. Also, a Departmental hearing has been held in this matter; and that decision has also been appealed to arbitration.

At this time, I am, once again, requesting that Officer Collins be reinstated to the payroll and, if necessary, remain in a suspension with pay status pending the outcome of all of these proceedings. There has been a great deal of hardship suffered by Officer Collins due to the Department's initial failure to reinstate him after his acquittal.

Chief James Craig  
November 27, 2013  
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Please contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

John J. Goldpaugh

JJG/nag  
cc: Bernie Cybulski  
P.O. Jerome Collins

## **EXHIBIT 4**

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#### MEMORANDUM OPINION ON AMENDING PROOF OF CLAIM<sup>1</sup>

AKARD, Bankruptcy J.

\*1 Before the Court is the motion of Tutu Park Limited ("Tutu Park") to amend its September 8, 1999, proof of claim. The issue presented by the motion is whether a landlord/creditor may amend its proof of claim, post-bar date, as to amount in order to include lease rejection damages permitted by § 502(b)(6).<sup>2</sup> After consideration of the memoranda of law proffered, the Court concludes that Tutu Park's motion must be granted and the proof of claim amended.<sup>3</sup>

#### I. BACKGROUND<sup>4</sup>

On March 9, 1999, Edison Brothers Stores, Inc. and its seven affiliates (the "Debtors") filed voluntary petitions for relief pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 11, of the United States Code. The Debtors' Chapter 11 cases were procedurally consolidated and jointly administered. Edison, a publicly held corporation, was a specialty retailer of men's and women's apparel and footwear. On the Commencement Date, the Debtors had approximately 1,510 retail stores located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

On March 22, 1999 the United States Trustee appointed a committee of unsecured creditors in the Debtors' Chapter 11 cases. By July 30, 1999, the Debtors had ceased all retail operations and had completed transactions for assumption and assignment, rejection or other disposition of virtually all of their retail stores, including the lease at issue in the present motion.

The United States Trustee applied for an order appointing Alan M. Jacobs as Trustee in the Chapter 11 case, which was granted by the Court on May 30, 2000 (Order No. 1571). On July 5, 2000, the Court entered an Order (Order No. 1603) approving the Chapter 11 Trustee's motion to convert the Chapter 11 Case to a case under Chapter 7, pursuant to § 1112(b). Simultaneously, pursuant to a grant of authority in § 701(a), the United States Trustee appointed the Mr. Jacobs to serve as the Chapter 7 Trustee in this case. The Chapter 7 Trustee is currently engaged in the winding-up of the Debtors' estates through limited administrative operations, claims resolution and liquidation of assets.

Tutu Park is the owner and operator of the shopping center known as the Tutu Park Mall, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and is a duly scheduled creditor in this case. In 1993, when Tutu Park Mall opened, Debtors entered into four leases for the operation of a Baker's Shoe store, a 5-7-9 store, an Oak Tree store and a Jeans West store. All of the leases were for terms of ten years from the commencement date, as defined under the leases. The Baker's, Oak Tree and 5-7-9 leases all commenced on June 3, 1993; the Jeans West lease commenced on September 25, 1993.

In accordance with their rights under the lease, Section 37.13, the Debtors terminated the 5-7-9 lease on June

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30, 1994. On November 3, 1995, the Debtors filed for Chapter 11 reorganization.<sup>5</sup> On October 1, 1996, during the Chapter 11 reorganization, the Debtors executed an amendment to the Jeans West lease, by which the Debtors expanded the Jeans West store and took over the still vacant and adjacent 5-7-9 space, "as is."

\*2 The Oak Tree lease was amended on August 8, 1997, to allow the Debtors the right to terminate the lease upon written notice if gross sales for the period from February 1, 1998 to April 1, 1999, were less than \$500,000.00. Notice of termination of the Oak Tree Lease was duly given by the Debtors on February 1, 1999, to be effective August 1, 1999.

The Baker's lease was also amended on August 8, 1997, to provide the Debtors with the right to give notice of termination if gross sales were less than \$650,000.00 during the fifth lease year. Notice of termination was duly given by the Debtors on September 8, 1998, to be effective February 20, 1999. Thereafter, Tutu Park allowed the Debtors to remain in operation in the Baker's space as a hold-over tenant. The Debtors vacated the Baker's space on or about July 1, 1999. The Jeans West lease remained in full force and effect as there were no similar amendments to extend Debtors' right to terminate. On or about May 21, 1999, the Debtors filed a motion for approval of the sale of various assets, including the Jeans West lease at Tutu Park Mall.

During the Chapter 11 case, the Court entered an Order fixing September 10, 1999 as the bar date, or the last date to file proofs of claim on account of prepetition claims (Order No. 739). On August 3, 1999, under the terms of the Sale Order, the Debtors filed a Notice (DOC No. 829) advising that the purchaser had exercised its right under the agreement to reject certain leases, including the Jeans West lease at Tutu Park Mall, effective July 31, 1999. The Notice also set forth the September bar date for claims and that claims filed after such bar date would not be entitled to any distribution from the Debtors.

On September 8, 1999, Tutu Park filed a proof of claim under the Baker's, Oak Tree and Jeans West leases for additional rent charges due under the leases for real property taxes for 1994-1998, in the amount of \$7,841.30.

At that time, Tutu Park did not include a claim for lease rejection damages under the Jeans West lease. Tutu Park was unable to relet the Jeans West space to a replacement tenant during the remainder of 1999, or any of 2000, and suffered rejection losses for one year from the rejection date totaling \$144,174.24.

Subsequently, after the conversion of the cases to Chapter 7, the Court established November 20, 2000, as the claims bar date (Order No. 1646). On January 22, 2001, Tutu Park filed the present motion seeking to amend its proof of claim to include the lease rejection damages for a total claim amount of \$152,015.54. Shortly thereafter, on January 25, 2001, the Chapter 7 Trustee moved the Court to compel landlords to provide information relating to allowance of claims arising out of rejected leases (DOC No.1952). The Chapter 7 Trustee lacked sufficient information to quantify all of the rejection damage claims. The Trustee's motion was granted on February 20, 2001, and the Court entered an Order authorizing the service of subpoenas to compel all landlords that were seeking lease rejection damages to execute Affidavits of No Mitigation, or Lease Rejection Damages Mitigation Affidavits (Order No.1988). Tutu Park duly responded to the Chapter 7 Trustee's subpoena by completing, executing and returning an Affidavit of No Mitigation which provided the same information as the earlier filed Motion to Amend the Proof of Claim.

\*3 The first response to Tutu Park's Motion did not come until November 14, 2001, when the Chapter 7 Trustee objected (DOC No. 2686). Prior to the objection, the Chapter 7 Trustee filed a Motion (DOC No. 2485) on July 27, 2001, seeking to set maximum reserves for claims and other relief, which set a reserve of \$7,841.30 for Tutu Park's claim. In response Tutu Park filed its objection to the Trustee's Motion on August 13, 2001, (DOC No. 2563) and reiterated that a total of \$152,015.54 must be reserved for Tutu Park's claim. The Court granted the Chapter 7 Trustee's Motion and entered an Order (Order No. 2586) estimating claims and setting maximum reserves for unresolved claims, among other relief.

## II. POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES



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A memorandum of law in support of the motion was submitted with the motion on January 22, 2001, by Tutu Park setting forth their arguments. The Chapter 7 Trustee objected to Tutu Park's motion to amend on November 14, 2001, arguing that Tutu Park failed to give any notice of the additional claim amount and that the amendment was essentially a new claim. On November 28, 2001, Tutu Park replied to the Chapter 7 Trustee's objection by asserting that the amendment was not a new claim and should therefore be allowed.

On March 19, 2002, the Chapter 7 Trustee submitted a supplemental memorandum of law stating that the amendment does not cure a defect in the original claim, it does not describe the original claim with greater particularity, and the amendment is not a new theory of recovery from the facts of the original claim. At the April 17, 2002, Omnibus Hearing, the parties agreed to forego argument on the motion and rely on the papers already submitted to the Court.

### III. DISCUSSION

According to Bankruptcy Rule 7015, amendments to claims shall be governed by Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Fed.R.Bankr.P. 7015; *In re Trans World Airlines, Inc.*, 145 F.3d 124, 141 (3d Cir.1998). Under Rule 15, leave to amend "shall be freely given when justice so requires." Fed.R. Civ.P. 15(a). The decision to grant or deny leave to amend under Rule 15 is committed to the Court's sound discretion. *Trans World Airlines*, 145 F.3d at 141, citing, *Coventry v. United States Steel Corp.*, 856 F.2d 514, 518 (3d Cir.1988). Thus a Court must look to applicable case law in order to determine whether an amendment is proper.

It is a well settled principle that, absent contrary equitable considerations or prejudice to the opposing party, amendments to proofs of claim should be freely permitted. *See In re Walls & All, Inc.*, 127 B.R. 115, 117 (W.D.Pa.1991); *In re Metro Transportation*, 117 B.R. 143, 147 (Bankr.E.D.Pa.1990) (amendments to timely proofs of claim are liberally allowed). However, such amendments are to be allowed only where the original claim prompted notice to the court of the existence,

nature, and amount of the claim. *In re International Horizons, Inc.*, 751 F.2d 1213, 1217 (11th Cir.1985). Amendments are also permissible to cure defects in a claim already filed, to describe a claim with greater particularity, or to plead a new theory of recovery on the facts of the original claim. *See International Horizons*, 751 F.2d at 1216; *Hatzel & Buehler, Inc. V. Station Plaza Assoc., L.P.*, 150 B.R. 560, 562 (Bankr.D.Del.1993); *Walls & All*, 127 B.R. at 118; *Metro Transportation*, 117 B.R. at 147. Furthermore, "[a] court will deny leave to amend [,] only if there is undue delay, motivated by bad faith, or [it would be] prejudicial to [the] opposing party." *See Hatzel & Buehler*, 150 B.R. at 562; *See also Trans World Airlines*, 145 F.3d at 141; *Adams v. Gould, Inc.*, 739 F.2d 858, 868 (3d Cir.1984).

\*4 The deadlines for filing proofs of claims are to be strictly construed to ensure the efficient administration of bankruptcy cases and to provide all parties with finality. *Walls & All*, 127 B.R. at 118; *Metro Transportation*, 117 B.R. at 148. A post-bar date proof of claim amendment, as in the present motion, is to be scrutinized closely to ensure that the amendment is genuine rather than the assertion of an entirely new claim. *See International Horizons*, 751 F.2d at 1215; *Walls & All*, 127 B.R. at 118; *Metro Transportation*, 117 B.R. at 147.

The purpose of the bar date deadline is to "enable the debtor and his creditors to know, reasonably and promptly, what parties are making claims against the estate and in what general amounts." *See In re John R. Kolstad*, 928 F.2d 171, 173 (5th Cir.1991). However, bar date deadlines "by no means fix in stone the final 'allowed' amounts of claims." *Id.* at 174. Thus bar dates have little correlation to the actual, final amounts in which creditors will share any distribution; bar dates merely establish the "universe of participants in the debtor's case." *Id.*

Courts have generally held that a post-bar date proof of claim seeking to increase the amount of a timely-filed claim is not the assertion of a new claim. *Walls & All*, 127 B.R. at 118; *Metro Transportation*, 117 B.R. at 148. Amendments are generally disallowed where a claimant attempts to change the nature of the proof of claim. *Walls & All*, 127 B.R. at 118; *See Metro Transportation*, 117 B.R. at 148 (holding that amending a claim to change status from unsecured to sixth place priority changes the nature

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of the proof of claim and, therefore, must be disallowed). In determining whether the amendment asserts a new claim, a court may compare the amendment to the original proof of claim. In comparing the proof of claim and the amendment, "[i]f the initial proof did not 'give fair notice of the conduct, transaction or occurrence that forms the basis of the claim asserted in the amendment' then the amendment asserts new claims and will not be allowed." See *In re Ben Franklin Hotel Assoc., L.P.*, 1998 WL 94808, \*3 (E.D.Pa.1998), quoting *Metro Transportation*, 117 B.R. at 143. Furthermore, Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that an amendment relates back when "the claim or defense asserted in the amended pleading arose out of the conduct, transaction, or occurrence set forth or attempted to be set forth in the original pleading ...". Fed.R.Civ.P. 15(c)(2).

The present Motion seeks to increase the amount of the claim already noticed through the filing of the original proof of claim on September 8, 1999. The Chapter 7 Trustee has not argued that Tutu Park's original proof of claim did not give fair notice of the basis of its claim, which was the lease.<sup>6</sup> The original claim for unpaid taxes as well as the rejection damages contained in the amendment are both grounded in rights that Tutu Park is entitled to by the lease. In other words both the claim and the amendment are based on the same transaction—the lease that commenced in September of 1993—and the "universe of participants" in the case was known. Therefore the amendment to include lease rejection damages in the claim is not a new claim. Since the amendment does not assert a new claim, it is well within this Court's discretion under Bankruptcy Rule 7015 to allow Tutu Park's amended proof of claim.<sup>7</sup> Under Bankruptcy Rule 7015 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15 the timing of the amendment relates back to the date of filing of the original proof of claim since the amendment arises out of the same conduct, transaction or occurrence.

\*5 The Chapter 7 Trustee's actions confirm this very notion through his own motion to compel landlords to provide information related to allowance of claims arising out of rejected leases, filed on January 25, 2001 (DOC No.1952). Interestingly, that motion was filed several days after Tutu Park submitted the motion presently being considered. It seems illogical that the Trustee objected to a motion (nearly 11 months later) that seeks to provide the information which, at the time, he was seeking from the other landlord/creditors with claims. These facts also lead us to believe that the Trustee was not surprised by the amendment.

Finally, there is no showing of bad faith on the part of Tutu Park. Under Virgin Islands law, a claim for rent due does not mature until each rent payment actually becomes due. *Christian v. Sylvest*, 1995 WL 504919, \*3 (Terr.V.I.). Therefore Tutu Park did not know what its lease rejection damages would amount to, since each month that the space was not re-let would cause an increase in damages. Tutu Park would have been forced to amend, as to amount, regardless of whether the original proof of claim included rejection damages or not.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, we grant Tutu Park's Motion to amend proof of claim.

Order accordingly.

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#### Footnotes

- 1 This Opinion constitutes the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Court pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7052, which is made applicable to contested matters by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014.
- 2 All statutory references herein are to the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*, unless otherwise noted.
- 3 This Court has jurisdiction over this matter, which is a core proceeding, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and 157(b)(1), (b)(2)(A), (B), (C) and (O).

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- 4 The facts are from the parties' Memoranda as the parties did not submit any evidence nor stipulations.
- 5 The Debtors' prior chapter 11 case (95-01355(PJW)) was terminated on December 23, 1997.
- 6 The reason the Trustee has not argued this point is that he cannot. The Trustee had notice of Tutu Park's rejection damages, as is evidenced by the fact that Tutu Park was served with the subpoena by the Trustee to provide information on mitigation and rejection damages. This proves that the Trustee was aware of Tutu Park's potential claim for rejection damages.
- 7 The Court is aware of Judge Walrath's bench ruling in *In re International Wireless Communications Holdings, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 98-2007(MFW) Transcript September 25, 2000, pg. 48-49, where it was held that an untimely claim for rejection damages was not an amendment of a prepetition claim. We do not believe that the bench ruling in that case is binding precedent on this Court. Also, in that Motion, the creditor had already participated in global settlement negotiations prior to the attempt to include lease rejection damages.

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RE: Reinstatement of Jerome Collins, Badge No. 1508

Dear Chief Godbee:

On January 21, 2010, Officer Jerome Collins was suspended without pay from the Detroit Police Department. The basis for this suspension was allegations of larceny and misconduct in office, which resulted in a three-count felony warrant being issued on or about April 20, 2010.

On December 8, 2011, Officer Collins was found not guilty of all charges in a jury trial before the Honorable Patricia P. Fresard. I am enclosing a copy of the Order of Acquittal/Dismissal.

The basis for the suspension without pay no longer exists since Officer Collins was found not guilty of the charge. Therefore, at this time, I am requesting that Officer Collins be reinstated to the payroll and that the suspension without pay be set aside.

Please contact me should you have any questions or if further information is needed.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

John J. Goldpaugh

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LEGAL ASSISTANT

December 26, 2011

Chief of Police Ralph Godbee, Jr  
Detroit Police Department  
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Detroit, MI 48226

RE: Reinstatement of Jerome Collins

Dear Chief Godbee:

Enclosed please find correspondence forwarded to your office on December 12, 2011, requesting that Jerome Collins be reinstated to the payroll forthwith. As of this date, there has been no response to this correspondence. I am again requesting that Officer Collins be immediately reinstated to the payroll and placed in a position of administrative capacity.

Officer Collins' criminal charges were dismissed, and he was found not guilty of all charges for which he is presently suspended. He has been suspended for a lengthy period of time; and your refusal to return him to the payroll in administrative capacity will have far-reaching effects with respect to his certification.

Please contact this office or the Detroit Police Officers Association immediately regarding a response to the above request.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this regard

Very truly yours,

John J. Goldpaugh

JJG/nag  
cc: Joe Duncan  
P.O. Jerome Collins

## **EXHIBIT 7**



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P.O. Box 214542  
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REGARDING GRIEVANCE: # 10-005

Dear Mr. Collins:

Per Our conversation, the above reference grievance was scheduled for arbitration on February 9, 2012. The grievant Officer Collins, failed to appear for the arbitration. Officer Collins reason for not appearing was that he was acquitted of the charges and he wish to be reinstated to the payroll. The grievant failed to cooperate.

On February 9, 2012 a letter was sent to the grievant requesting his full cooperation and the grievance would be rescheduled at a later date. On June 12, 2013, the grievance was rescheduled and heard by Umpire Linda Ashford. However, a decision was never rendered due to all arbitrations were suspended and the bankruptcy occurred.

On February 7, 2014, the grievant was dismissed from the department on the disciplinary arbitration grievance # 12-0137, issued by Umpire Linda Ashford. Therefore, the Association closed the above reference grievance # 10-005, based on the Opinion and award of Umpire Linda Ashford.

Sincerely,

DETROIT POLICE AOFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Linda Broden  
Sergeant at Arms

## **EXHIBIT 8**



CITY OF DETROIT  
TRIAL BOARD HEARING

In the Matter of:  
CITY OF DETROIT  
(POLICE DEPARTMENT),

Employer,

No. 12-0137

-and-

Volume 2

DETROIT POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
(POLICE OFFICER JEROME COLLINS),  
Union.

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Proceedings had and testimony  
taken in the above matter before a Trial Board at 7310  
Woodward Ave., 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan, on  
Monday, July 8, 2013 commencing at or about 9:00 a.m.

APPEARANCES:

TRIAL BOARD

COMMANDER ROBERT ENNIS, Chairperson

INSPECTOR GARY SROKA, Co-Member

INSPECTOR DWAYNE BLACKMON, Co-Member

MS. LETITIA JONES, ESQUIRE, City Advocate  
(Appearing on behalf of the Detroit Police Department)

MR. JOHN GOLDPAUGH, ESQUIRE  
(Appearing on behalf of Police Officer Jerome Collins)

REPORTED BY: TAMARA A. O'CONNOR (CSMR-2656, CER-2656)

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11:27 a.m.

# PROCEEDINGS

(Joint Exhibits No. 1 - 12  
marked off the record)

COMMANDER ENNIS: This Trial Board is convened today, Monday, July 8, 2013 by order of the Chief of Police James Craig pursuant to authority granted in Section 7-807 of the Charter of the City of Detroit, Michigan.

This Board is composed of myself, Commander Robert Ennis as chairperson, and as co-members, Inspector Gary Sroka and Inspector Dwayne Blackmon. The Board has been enjoined to hear charges which have been filed against Police Officer Jerome Collins, badge 1508, assigned to the Eastern District.

I now turn the proceedings over to the Department's advocate, Attorney Letitia Jones, City of Detroit Law Department.

MS. JONES: Thank you, sir. Letitia Jones on behalf of the City of Detroit Police Department. This is discipline file number 12-037 charging Police Officer Jerome Collins, badge

right.

We would waive a formal reading of the charges and specifications. At this time, Officer Collins would plead not guilty to all charges and specifications.

MS. JONES: Thank you.

Preliminary matters: We have discussed off the record the various processes and procedures that have taken place as well as the exhibits. So at this time, if counsel would permit, I am going to ensure that the record is clear by telling this Board what the procedural history is.

Just to make it clear for the record, the Board initially started out with Dwayne Love as the commander. It is now Robert Ennis that is sitting as commander.

The time line: The incidents took place between November 2007 and November 2009.

The Chief of Police received notification of the alleged incidents on 11/20/2009, and that you will see in Exhibit No. 10.

Internal Affairs was assigned to investigate on December 4, 2009, and it started with Investigator Todd Svenkesen. The warrant was requested on January 18, 2010, and then there was a

1508, of the Eastern District with four counts and several specifications. I will get to those in a minute.

He is charged with Conduct Unbecoming an Officer, one specification.

He is charged with Willful Disobedience of Rules and Orders, two specifications.

He is charged with Using Authority or Position for Financial Gain or for Obtaining Privilege or Favors, one specification. Initially, that was 213 specifications.

He is charged with Willfully Making a False Oral or Written Statement or Report, and that is 81 specifications.

Today is the date and time set for hearing. The Department is prepared to potentially proceed with six to nine witnesses.

Counsel, can you place your name on the record, and then I will go forward with the other things that we have discussed off the record.

MR. GOLDPAUGH: For the record, John Goldpauh appearing on behalf of Police Officer Jerome Collins. Officer Collins is to my immediate

suspension without pay by the Board of Police Commissioners January 21, 2010.

The warrant was signed April 16, 2010. He was arraigned 4/19/2010. Criminal trial took place December 4 through 9, I believe it was, and you have in your Exhibit No. 8 the testimony of that. You do not have any of the preliminary opening statements or any motions or any closing statements in the transcript in Exhibit No. 8.

There was a reinstatement request made December 12, 2011. A Garrity was taken December 20, 2011. There was a second request for reinstatement on December 26, 2011.

The investigation was reassigned to Lieutenant Whitney Walton January 13, 2012. The MCOLES certification lapsed January 21, 2012.

The investigation was completed February 15, 2012. It was delivered to the Discipline Unit February 17, 2012.

Charges were drafted February 20, 2012. An additional police Trial Board was scheduled for April 24, 2012. At that time, the Association attorney did appear, it was Emily

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1 Rothgery who worked out of Mr. Goldpaugh's office.  
2 The matter was adjourned by  
3 request of the officer's attorney Mike Rataj who  
4 works in Gerald Evelyn's office who also helped with  
5 the criminal trial.

6 The police Trial Board was  
7 scheduled again August 8 through 10, 2012,  
8 September 17 through 21, 2012, October 23 through  
9 24, 2012, November 19 and 21, 2012, December 18  
10 through 19, 2012, January 14 through 15, 2013,  
11 February 12 to 13, 2013 and then again our last  
12 meeting was May 7, 2013.

13 We are here today because we  
14 explained to Mr. Collins that we would proceed today  
15 with him or with him and an attorney. It was

16 determined that the union would now represent him  
17 after being asked not to represent him, but now they  
18 are representing him, and we are prepared to go  
19 forward with the hearing.

20 As it relates to--

21 MR. GOLDBAUGH: Excuse me. I  
22 don't mean to interrupt. I understand your time  
23 line. I just want to put one caveat with respect  
24 to, as Ms. Jones indicated, there was a series of  
25 scheduled Trial Boards from August, I believe, till

1 December, each one of them being delayed.

2 It gives the impression, just  
3 for the record, since Ms. Jones indicated that all  
4 these were adjourned, it gives the impression that  
5 the Department continued to adjourn these at the  
6 last minute, and that is not accurate.

7 What happened, and I'm only  
8 speaking because once Mr. Rataj and Mr. Evelyn  
9 became involved, which was in April or May, April  
10 actually of 2012, the Department was informed that  
11 neither of those individuals would be available  
12 because they were involved in the Kilpatrick matter.

13 Therefore, the Department  
14 should not waste time, effort or money in scheduling  
15 that until they were going to be available. That is  
16 the only reason I say that, and that is exactly what  
17 happened.

18 Then comes their availability,  
19 the Department schedules it, and then they are no  
20 longer going to be doing it. So I just wanted to  
21 bring that to your attention. It doesn't change the  
22 time line, it just gives all these adjournments that  
23 really should never have been set to begin with.  
24 Thank you.

25 MS. JONES: With the time line

1 completed, I now go to the exhibits which the  
2 parties have stipulated to.

3 Joint Exhibit No. 1 is the  
4 Garrity interview of the accused, Officer Collins.

5 Joint Exhibit No. 2 are the  
6 daily details that could be located for 2008 through  
7 2009.

8 Joint Exhibit No. 3 are the  
9 activity logs that could be located between 2007 and  
10 2009.

11 Joint Exhibit No. 4 is the  
12 documentation from St. John's relating to time  
13 records and payroll.

14 Joint Exhibit No. 5 is the  
15 Allen Academy documentation related to the time  
16 records and payroll.

17 Joint Exhibit No. 6 is the  
18 Detroit Police Department documentation relating to  
19 time records and payroll.

20 Joint Exhibit No. 7 are charts  
21 which show the foundation of Exhibits No. 4, 5 and  
22 6, so that you can have a snapshot of the  
23 overlapping time.

24 Joint Exhibit No. 8 is the  
25 criminal trial transcript. As indicated off the

1 record, it is three volumes, December 5, December 6  
2 and December 7.

3 On December 5, we have the  
4 testimony of the prosecution's witnesses which were  
5 Juan Rogers (phonetic) of St. John, Lieutenant  
6 Whitney Walton from the Detroit Police Department,  
7 Rhonda Davis from payroll, Frank Bica,  
8 timekeeper, Georgia Burrell from Allen Academy,  
9 Antonio Hitchcock from Allen Academy. Then we go to  
10 December 6 where we have Tim Green from Allen  
11 Academy.

12 The defense witnesses on  
13 December 6 and 7 were Marjorie Henry from a  
14 community group within the Eastern District, Vivian  
15 Talbot, a commander from the Eastern District, Terry  
16 Wilcox, a police officer from Communications, Philip  
17 Curtis from Eastern District patrol. It looks like  
18 he did work in Community Relations with Mr. Collins.

19 Sergeant Mattie Lewis who has  
20 since retired and was served to appear today but has  
21 declined to appear, Philip Johnson as a character  
22 witness, Wanda Dixon as a character witness.

23 Lemuel Wilson retired from DPD  
24 did not testify, extenuating circumstances, Tanya  
25 Golfen (phonetic), a lieutenant for the Detroit

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 Police Department. Kevin Glynn (phonetic) works at 2 Deco Security, used to work for the Detroit Police 3 Department and Audrey Curtis who works at DPD as a 4 police officer, Eastern District Community 5 Relations. 6 Last was a Fiera Brownlee 7 (phonetic) who works at Grants. I think she works 8 at Grants now, but she was at the Eastern District 9 Community Relations Bureau. 10 Those individuals testified, 11 and you will see testimony in the transcript that 12 supports the charges. 13 Exhibit No. 9 is the Detroit 14 Police Department Manual on off-duty employment, 15 outside employment.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 no additional questions. 2 MS. JONES: As to witnesses 3 tomorrow, we will present Todd Svenkesen, Lieutenant 4 Whitney Walton, Steve Dolunt, Jim Moore, Pastella 5 Williams, perhaps Ralph Godbee and perhaps Joyce 6 Motley, I'm not sure. 7 COMMANDER ENNIS: What's your 8 total? 9 MS. JONES: My total as of 10 right now is five for tomorrow. If former Chief 11 Godbee presents himself, that will be six, and if 12 Joyce Motley presents herself, that will be seven in 13 addition to the witness statements that are in the 14 transcript. 15 Does that adjourn this matter</p>
<p>16 Exhibit No. 10, as I indicated 17 earlier, is the letter that initiated the 18 investigation. 19 Exhibit No. 11 are the news 20 articles to support the first charge of Conduct 21 Unbecoming an Officer and bringing the Department 22 into disrepute. 23 Exhibit No. 12 is the acquittal 24 of the criminal charges against him. 25 Is that a correct recitation of</p>	<p>16 for today, or are there any additional questions? 17 MR. GOLDPAUGH: Can we go off 18 the record for a quick second? 19 COMMANDER ENNIS: Yes. 20 (At 12:06 p.m., off the 21 record) 22 (At 12:07 p.m., back on 23 the record) 24 MS. JONES: I'm sorry, we are 25 not concluded quite yet. I forgot we had discussed</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 the exhibits as we discussed them, counsel? 2 MR. GOLDPAUGH: That is 3 correct. 4 MS. JONES: We both have 5 stipulated to them? 6 MR. GOLDPAUGH: That is 7 correct, we both stipulated to them, and we jointly 8 ask that they be admitted as exhibits. Is that 9 correct, Ms. Jones? 10 MS. JONES: Joint Exhibits 11 No. 1 through 12, are they accepted, Commander? 12 COMMANDER ENNIS: Yes, they are 13 accepted. 14 MS. JONES: Thank you. 15 (At 12:05 p.m., JX#1-12 16 received) 17 MS. JONES: Giving the Board an 18 opportunity to review the exhibits, we have had an 19 off-the-record conversation for this hearing to be 20 adjourned at this time so that you can review the 21 exhibits. 22 Do you have any questions based 23 on the charges that are before you and based on the 24 list of exhibits? 25 COMMANDER ENNIS: No, we have</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 that we would do our opening statements today just 2 to give you a snapshot of what you should be looking 3 for as you are looking at the exhibits. 4 Essentially, what has taken 5 place is the accused officer was working two outside 6 jobs in addition to working for the City of Detroit. 7 Additionally, and you will see 8 this in the testimony in the criminal trial 9 transcript, he performed outside activities, and it 10 is in dispute whether they were or were not related 11 to his job at the City of Detroit Police Department. 12 What I mean by that is coaching youth sports 13 activities. 14 You will see in Exhibit No. 7 15 where he could not have possibly worked the number 16 of hours he claimed to have worked and given the 17 City of Detroit what he was supposed to be giving 18 the City of Detroit, and that is his services as a 19 police officer. 20 You will see that there was so 21 much overlap between the three entities, St. John's, 22 Allen Academy and the Detroit Police Department, 23 that he wasn't giving any one of the three their 24 full number of hours that he was supposed to have 25 given.</p>

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1 In fact there are some days  
2 where it appears that he worked 27, 26 hours in a  
3 day. This was brought to the attention of the Chief  
4 of Police. At that time, I believe it was Ella  
5 Bully-Cummings-- I'm sorry, Warren Evans.

6 He had Internal Affairs  
7 investigate. What they did in their investigation  
8 was to gather documents. When they gathered  
9 documents, of course, they had to seek subpoenas and  
10 so forth to get documents from banks, from  
11 St. John's, from Allen Academy, payroll records and  
12 so forth in addition to getting the documents  
13 internally from the City of Detroit.

14 You will hear testimony or you  
15 will view the evidence, and it will show that he is  
16 guilty as charged of working two unauthorized  
17 outside employments. You will hear testimony from  
18 former Chief Godbee and Commander Dolunt and  
19 Commander Moore that he did not have permission to  
20 work in these outside agencies.

21 You will hear testimony that he  
22 did willfully disobey rules and orders by not  
23 gaining the approval from the Chief of Police. You  
24 will hear testimony that, because of this  
25 overlapping between the three entities, he was

1 compensated by the City of Detroit when he wasn't  
2 working for the City of Detroit.

3 Therefore, we will be seeking  
4 restitution for those funds. One of the charts will  
5 show you exactly what the amount of the compensation  
6 is.

7 You will hear from the  
8 testimony and you will see through the evidence that  
9 he made false written reports and that his activity  
10 logs were not accurate. Now, some of the activity  
11 logs he claims he did not draft, yet they supposedly  
12 state what his hours were and what his activities  
13 were. Who else would better know what his hours  
14 were and activities were but him?

15 After you have reviewed the  
16 evidence and heard the testimony, we will be asking  
17 for you to discharge this-- well, first, we will be  
18 asking for a finding of guilt. The Department  
19 wishes you, after the finding of guilt, to discharge  
20 him from the City of Detroit Police Department.

21 The fact that his MCOLES  
22 certification has lapsed is not in play here at all,  
23 because if he is reinstated, he goes through the  
24 waiver program. So I want you to be clear that you  
25 are not to consider the fact that he doesn't have

1 his certification right now to be a factor even  
2 though I have mentioned it in the time line.

3 We feel discharge is the  
4 appropriate penalty, but if after reviewing all the  
5 evidence and testimony you feel that discharge is  
6 not the appropriate penalty, we offer an alternative,  
7 and that is to have him reinstated, giving him time  
8 to be recertified, a period of six months.

9 Discharge would be held in  
10 abeyance for that six month period to give him time  
11 to be recertified. If he does not get recertified,  
12 he is discharged from the Department.

13 That the suspension that you  
14 give him will be for the time that he has been off.  
15 So in essence, he is going to be given credit for  
16 time served if you feel that discharge is not  
17 appropriate. He has been off since January 21,  
18 2010. Counsel?

19 MR. GOLDPAUGH: Normally, I  
20 would reserve opening statement as this Board is  
21 well aware until proofs have been made, but I think  
22 that under these circumstances, we might as well put  
23 all of our cards on the table and at least let you  
24 know what I think this case is all about.

25 First of all, I find it

1 interesting that, in an opening statement and in a  
2 time line, it was necessary to mention his lack of  
3 certification. Interestingly enough, if the  
4 Department had done what it was supposed to do back  
5 in December of 2012 when I sent a letter  
6 immediately, which is in the evidence that she has  
7 raised in her time line, then the Department should  
8 and could and definitely should have reinstated him  
9 to the payroll or at least put him into a suspension  
10 with pay status so that he would not lose his  
11 certification.

12 Certification lapses regardless  
13 when you spent two years not doing police work. His  
14 certification lapsed after he was acquitted and  
15 after the correspondence had been forwarded to the  
16 Chief at that time for reinstatement which fell on  
17 deaf ears.

18 So the evidence is going to  
19 show that occurred. The evidence is also going to  
20 show that, as Ms. Jones has pointed out, you are not  
21 to deal with certification. That is not your issue.

22 In giving her opening  
23 statement, she said, but if you don't fire him, then  
24 you should bring him back to work and give him time  
25 to become recertified, which he has to do to be a



1 police officer. But if he doesn't get recertified  
2 in six months, then fire him anyway. So she wants  
3 you to take into account the certification.

4 The evidence is going to show  
5 that this entire case was brought about because of  
6 the mis-running and the total disarray of the  
7 Community Relations Division at the Ninth Precinct.  
8 That is what the problem was.

9 Now retired Sergeant Mattie  
10 Lewis was authorizing overtime which she wasn't  
11 allowed to authorize. She was providing people with  
12 activity logs which she knew were not accurate  
13 because all of these individuals, including Officer  
14 Collins, worked in the Community Relations  
15 Department.

16 Part of the Community Relations  
17 Department or Section did all sorts of work within  
18 the community outside their normal working hours  
19 which they were not to be compensated for. That is  
20 what was happening.

21 So what Sergeant Lewis would do  
22 was say, okay, you sign your activity logs, you do  
23 what you've got to do and just make sure you get all  
24 of your work done. The evidence is going to show  
25 that is exactly what the officer was doing.

1 The evidence is also going to  
2 show through the testimony of the witnesses that  
3 Commander Godbee, now retired Chief Godbee, knew  
4 what was going on when he first started there.

5 Testimony is going to come out through this trial  
6 back in 2006 and 2007-- testimony will come out in  
7 this hearing both through those witnesses as well as  
8 the other witnesses that are going to be called that  
9 Commander Godbee said, he works for me, don't worry  
10 about it. The same thing with Commander Motley,  
11 don't worry about it.

12 Now, all of a sudden, somebody  
13 new comes on board. But to Sergeant Lewis, that  
14 doesn't change anything, and that is what the  
15 evidence is going to show.

16 In doing his job for the  
17 Department, he gave more than eight hours a day to  
18 the Department. Was he doing it between noon and  
19 eight o'clock? No, he wasn't. We all know that.  
20 The evidence is going to show it wasn't exactly in  
21 those time frames.

22 Ms. Jones has brought out the  
23 activity logs. He gave a Garrity statement that I  
24 may not have done these; people are filling them in  
25 for me I guess. That's not my handwriting.

1 Sometimes, they were.

2 He admitted under Garrity, I  
3 did all this work, I just didn't do it in the time  
4 you're telling me I did it, and that is what it's  
5 all about. The testimony is going to show that in  
6 fact Sergeant Lewis admitted that.

7 The evidence is also going to  
8 show that this was a witch hunt and a criminal  
9 investigation not only into Officer Collins but  
10 into-- and you will be shown, although not by name,  
11 in I think it is Exhibit No. 11, the newspaper  
12 article, about time fraud.

13 Well, it wasn't just Officer  
14 Collins who was being investigated for this time  
15 fraud, it was Sergeant Lewis as well as Kenyata  
16 Borden. You will all recall the girls who went on  
17 the cruise.

18 Sergeant Williams testified at  
19 trial and in other proceedings to Internal Affairs  
20 that this is what was going on. So here we are, lo  
21 and behold, after a letter, Exhibit No. 10,  
22 triggered this investigation according to Ms. Jones.

23 Well, really, Ms. Jones was a  
24 friend of Officer Collins' ex-wife. That is the  
25 testimony that is going to come out. We have a

1 bitter ex-wife, and she is ticked off, she's not  
2 getting her cut of the child support, and that is  
3 what triggers everything.

4 The evidence is going to show  
5 that the only thing that he did wrong was not get  
6 written permission for his outside employment. He  
7 had permission, they knew what was going on, and now  
8 they have made him a scapegoat.

9 I'm going to ask when all is  
10 said and done that if you should find him guilty of  
11 anything, take into account the settlements because  
12 you are dealing with individuals and the same type  
13 of treatment when you are dealing with what you find  
14 him guilty of or what he should have been charged  
15 with because there is no showing that he used his  
16 position of authority, and the evidence will not  
17 support this, for financial gain.

18 Where is there going to be any  
19 evidence on this record that shows that he used his  
20 position of authority for financial gain against the  
21 Department? He didn't go out and say hire me and  
22 pay for me because I'm a Detroit police officer.

23 He didn't say let me into this  
24 activity or let me into that for free because I'm a  
25 Detroit police officer. That is what that statute

1 talks about.

2 He was charged criminally with  
3 Larceny by False Pretenses. The false pretenses  
4 were the time cards. The false pretenses were never  
5 proven because he didn't do anything false. He  
6 provided all of his time to the Department. He  
7 provided eight hours a day to this Department and  
8 then some. The evidence will show that.

9 Thank you very much. At this  
10 point in time, I would ask that we adjourn until  
11 tomorrow morning.

12 COMMANDER ENNIS: Counsel, do  
13 you have anything else?

14 MS. JONES: No.

15 COMMANDER ENNIS: We will be  
16 adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:00. Thank  
17 you.

18 (At 12:22 p.m., adjourned)  
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1 CERTIFICATION

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11 transcript of the TRIAL BOARD proceedings in this  
12 case on July 8, 2013.  
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